



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takahiro OSHITA et al.

Serial No. 09/180,601

Filed November 10, 1998

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METHOD AND APPARATUS

Attn: Accounting Division
Refund Branch

Attorney Docket No. 01213/GEB667-US

Confirmation No. 6970

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the refund of the \$110.00 for the charge of a one month extension of time that was charged to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975, on September 10, 2001. Based on the Petition Decision of July 2, 2001, Applicants had two months from the date of the Petition Decision to file an Appeal Brief, i.e., until September 2, 2001. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with an Amendment on August 31, 2001, within the two-month time allotted by the Petition Decision. Therefore, the \$110.00 charge for a one month extension of time is incorrect. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the PTO credit a refund of \$110.00 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975.

Respectfully submitted,

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